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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN FUND FOR

DRUG ABUSE CONTROL (UNFDAC)

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF IRANIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC WITH DIRECTOR, FOURTH POLITICAL DIVISION, FOREIGN MINISTRY, PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTION CONTAINED REFTEL. HE NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT IRAN WILL INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT, GIVEN GREATLY INCREASED OIL REVENUES ACCRUING TO IRAN, THE INCREASE WOULD BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE. HE POINTED OUT ALSO THAT IRAN DOES BENEFIT CONSIDERABLY FROM WORK OF UNFDAC. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOOK NOTE OF EMBOFF PRESENTATION AND REPLIED THAT HE WOULD CONVEY EMBASSY VIEWS TO PROPER AUTHORITIES AND INFORM EMBASSY OF ANTICIPATED GOI ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FONOFF OFFICIAL SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD EMBOFF ON DECEMBER 2 THAT GOI DECISION WAS THAT IRAN'S CONTRIBUTION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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UNFDAC WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE INCREASED "BY ONE PENNY."

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH UNDERSECRETARY NADIM (IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR TO OFFICIAL WITH WHOM EMBOFF SPOKE) ON SAME SUBJECT, DCM RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH INDEED WAS IRAN'S DECISION ON INCREASED CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC. ACCORDING TO NADIM, PRIME MINISTER HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY IRRITATED OVER REQUESTS THAT GOI HAS RECEIVED FROM ALL MANNER OF SOURCES, INCLUDING UNBODIES, FOR CASH CONTRIBUTIONS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER. NADIM SAID IN PASSING THAT UNESCO REQUEST OF GOI FOR \$100,000,000 CONTRIBUTION WAS PARTICULARLY GALLING AND THAT PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION ON UNFDAC MATTER WAS QUICK AND BLUNT. NADIM SAID THAT EMBASSY COULD, IF IT WISHED, TRY TO ENLIST SUPPORT OF GOI MINISTER OF HEALTH TO GET PM TO CHANGE HIS MIND, BUT HE HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE OF SUCCESS FOR THIS GAMBIT.

3. THE EMBASSY GENUINELY REGRETS THE TURN OF EVENTS WHICH HAS OCCURRED AS REGARDS AN INCREASED IRANIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNFDAC. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS HOWEVER THAT THE INEVITABLE RESISTANCE HAS SET IN IN THE FACE OF WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS A DELUGE OF REQUESTS TO IRAN FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES. IRAN DOES INDEED HAVE A DOMESTIC DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM, AS KABUL 7413 POINTS OUT, BUT THE GOI BELIEVES THAT THE PROBLEM CAN BE CONTAINED BY VIGOROUS ACTION AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT LEVEL AND THAT INCREASED OUTLAYS TO UN BODIES ARE NOT NECESSARY. WE APPRECIATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN WOULD PREFER THAT IRANIAN ASSISTANCE ON THIS FRONT BE TAKEN VIS-A-VIS AFGHANISTAN THROUGH MULTILATERAL CHANNELS BUT WE FRANKLY DOUBT THAT THIS AFGHAN VIEW WOULD CARRY MUCH WEIGHT HERE. INDEED, SHOULD IRAN AT SOME FUTURE TIME SEEK TO STRENGTHEN JOINT AFGHAN-IRANIAN EFFORTS IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD, WE BELIEVE THAT IRAN WOULD HAVE A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR ACCOMPLISHING THIS BILATERALLY.

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